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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION and PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Entry of this Request for Continued Examiner and Preliminary Amendment, which is in response to the Advisory Action mailed January 12, 2006, is respectfully requested. The fee for the submission of this Request for Continued Examiner, including a petition for a two-month extension for filing this request, is recorded in the accompanying Fee Transmittal form, which is submitted in duplicate. If any additional fees required for consideration of this paper,

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authorization of same may be found in the one originally-executed and one copy of the Transmittal Form filed herewith.